

Annual Report 2012

ARLIS/NA MOQ (Montréal/Ottawa/Québec)

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Membership & Activities

At the end of 2012, the ARLIS/NA MOQ had 47 members (including 11 student members), which is relatively stable compared to the previous year. At the end of 2011, we were 49 members (including 12 student members). To provide communication between members, the section operates a mailing list managed by Renata Guttman who now shares this responsibility with Alexandra Gregory.

Activities section of ARLIS/NA MOQ consisted mainly of two days of meetings and visits. One took place in Montréal and one in Ottawa. The spring meeting was held Friday, June 8 at the Art Actuel 2-22 building. This new complex houses several organizations related to contemporary art. The working meeting took place in the morning in the meeting room of Artexpte and was followed by a tour the Bookstore Formats, an initiative of the Regroupement des centres d'artistes autogérés du Québec (RCAAQ) located on the same floor. After lunch, we visited the Artexpte's new facilities and their latest exhibition: *Michael Dumontier & Micah Lexier: Sending Ampersand Response*. Finally we completed the program of the day visiting Vox, Contemporary

Image areas and exhibitions: *Melanie Gilligan* and *Jan Švankmajer*. This meeting brought together 21 participants.

The fall meeting was held on October 26 at the National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa. The meeting took place in the morning, in the reading room of the library of the Museum. After the meeting, we moved into the library to join the artist Cliff Eyland for a brief presentation of his work. After lunch, the group enjoyed a guided tour of the exhibition *Margaret Watkins. Domestic Symphonies*. Then, the group returned to the library where Jonathan Franklin presented the exhibition which he curated, *Seeds of a collection : The Library 100 years ago*. This eventful day was completed by a visit of public spaces and closed shelves of the library and archives service, while others chose to visit the current exhibitions on their own, until closing time. These activities brought together 20 participants.

Publications

Two issues of *MOQDOC* were published in 2012. Members of the editorial board have made their publications coincide with meetings of the section. Thus, paper copies of the Spring 2012 issue (volume 21, no. 2) were distributed in Montréal, at the meeting at Art Actuel 2-22. The Fall 2012 issue (volume 22, no. 1) was given to the participants of the meeting in Ottawa. The first is a "special student" while the second focuses on "professional development". Both publications are available through the section's website.

Finance and grants

In 2012, expenditures of the section have exceeded of the money supply. At the end of 2011, the financial statement was C \$, 5,721.31 while it decreased in C\$ 3,324. 67 (as per the last treasurer's report submitted by Guillaume Cloutier on Oct. 24, 2012). Deposits are solely related to the amounts paid by members for membership and meeting

participation. Major withdrawals are related to the costs of meetings (catering and complimentary gifts), but also to the different grants given by ARLIS/NA MOQ.

The Professional Development Committee, formed by Melinda Reinhart, Danielle Léger, and Patricia Black has given several awards in 2012. In addition to two travel grants (C \$ 70.00 each), the amount allocated to the Michelle Gauthier award was raised from C \$ 1,000.00 to C \$ 2,000.00 to increase participation according to the proximity of the Annual Conference of ARLIS NA (i.e., this year it was held in Toronto). Thus, three members of ARLIS / NA MOQ could be added to the participants of these events in the Queen City from March 29 to April 2, 2012. David Sume, who presented at the conference, won a full award, while Guillaume Cloutier and Kathleen O'Reilly shared the second award.

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